

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Brand Briesen Airfield

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EVALUATION

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE PREPARED 15 November 1951

REFERENCES

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1. Between 8 and 13 October 1951, the Soviet tractor brigade at Brand Briesen airfield dismantled some tents and erected a low wooden building. Additional German laborers were released. Six fuel containers were still located along the highway. *

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2. Construction on the northern taxiway was intended to be accomplished by about 1,000 workers during the winter months, weather permitting. ** However, no preliminary work was observed. The carpenter also said that a five-story brick building for married officers was to be built south of the low wooden buildings presently utilized as billets by officers. Excavating was started for a long building along the Brand-Krausnick road, 1.5 km east of the Brand railroad signal station. Large piles of bricks were seen on the construction site.

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On 17 October, no aircraft were parked at the field. Grading was done by about 1,500 German laborers of the Bauunion-Berlin and caterpillar tractors were operated by Soviet soldiers. Concreting on the runway and taxiway was completed. The joints between the concrete slabs were being filled. *** Eleven concrete hardstands about 30 meters in diameter were observed on both sides of the taxiway. Three new houses were under construction along the Brand-Krausnick road, south of the field. A spur track which was laid from Brand railroad station to the southeast corner of the airfield ran parallel to the taxiway and about 200 meters south of it. At the end of the spur track, there was a wooden shed about 200 meters long which was used for storing cement.

4. No fuel dump was available but 11 containers, each about 10 meters long and 3 meters in diameter, were observed. One container was in the southeastern corner of the taxiway and the rest along Brand-Krausnick road, next to the new buildings.

25X1 * Comment. The statements on the number of fuel containers disagree. According to another source, 11 containers with a total capacity of about 300,000 liters were observed on 12 October 1951.

25X1 ** Comment. a second taxiway north of the runway was planned to be built.

25X1 *** Comment. Since most of the construction work was apparently completed by 17 October 1951, it is possible that the field will be occupied soon.

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